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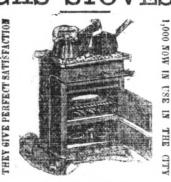
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CITY NEWS

The initial game of polo will be played this week at the Meridian rink.

Frank Holliday's woodshed, 737 North Alabama, was partially wracked by fire last night. Loss \$25. A telegram says that W. H. McGonigal, of Zanesville, and Gen. Dan. Macauley have leased the American house, Columbus, O. Mr. Burlege, residing at 75 Union street, while walking along Massachusetts avenue last evening, slipped and fell, breaking a

Early yesterday morning burglars at-tempted to open the safe in Asron Clem's grocery, but were frightened away by the merchant police.

Christmas Doings.

Christmas was observed in the conventional way in this ci y. The matinees at the several places of amusement dryw large audiences, and the patronage at the theaters at night was good. North Meridian served as a race of orse all day, and the thoroughfare was crowded with sleighing vehicles containing merry parties. There we no fare was crowded with slenging vehicles containing merry parties. There were no mercus collisions, but no serious misasors. The leading hotels gave claborate spreads, the bitls of fare being of unique design, especially prepared for the occasion.

At the Canodic and Episcopal churches there were formsi services during the day, and just night many Sunday-school emerical ware were commissioned Churchestops.

barres of potatoes and one of applies, two barkers filled and a idnessed, one bucket of laid, four packages of sugar and one of rice, three and a half doz-n chituren's wo len hore, thirty miscellaneous packages of othering, toys, etc. and one basket of sundries, to private parties and the Or, hand Home, Free Kindergarten and Yandesstreet Mission. At the state b nevolent institutions the immates were given big discourse.

The Body identified. Evening before last the remains of an unknown man were found on the Belt roat, near Shelby street, and were removed to Kregelo & Whitsitt's establishment. There was not a scrap of paper or anything else indicating his identity, and it was supposed indicating his identity, and it was supposed that the body was that of an unknown tramp. This morning Mrs. Fred Rauscher, residing at the corner of Raymond and Gatling streets, identified the body as that of her husband. For the past eight years the deceased has been employed in the carpenters' department of the Eagle Machine works, and it was his custom, upon returning home at night, to walk down East street to the Belt road, and there take his chances of catching a train convering him to a point to the Belt road, and there take his chances of catching a train conveying him to a point near his home. It is supposed he missed his footing and fell under the wheels. The body was evidently dragged some distance, and was horribly mangled. Mr. Rauscher and was norrioly mangled. Mr. Rauscher was aged about fitty, and he was chief officer of the Improved Order of Red Men, No. 7, as well as a conspicuous member of the Turners. He leaves a wife and several children. It seems singular that his disappearance did not sooner attract attention, and that his remains should have gone so long without identification.

AT THE THEATERS.

Both theaters enjoyed a holiday boom, notwithstanding the weather. "Storm Beaten" seemed to be a particularly pat title, and drew large houses afternoon and evening. English swas also crowded, the piece being "Michael Strogoff." These plays will run the remainder of the week.

Yesterday was gala day at all the skating Yesterday was gain day at an the saging rinks and they were crowded to their utmost capacity. The carnival at the College avenue rink was a great success, and many fine costumes were exhibited. The building was decorated nicely, and a calcium light heightened the brilliancy of the scene. Prizes were awarded as follows: Best lady character Mrs. Varnett as Folly, elegant perfume. were awarded as follows: Dest lady character, Mrs. Varnett, as Folly; elegant perfume one. Best gentleman character, O to Wright, as a preacher; gold waren character best comic character. Harry Marrie, as school boy; pair of club skates. Best dude, 1. F. Carle: commutation theset. For the right and to-morrow night the management have organed Mr Charles E Pesson, the wan definit boy skater, who performs over 160 different in vements on skates, and the celebrated Brezil Brothers, acrobatic skaters,

ittle folks at the Wigwam in the af-The fittle folks at the Wigwam in the afterboon were presanted hand-one offer, and at hight B. Salters, of Tipton, and A. B. Gutler skated a two-mile race, which the former won in 9.04. To night there will be a hundle race, and to morrow night a forfeit race. Polo will be the attraction at Meridian rick to-night from 9 to 9.30 o'clock, the Meridian of the competing. They are evenly matched, and an exciting contest is anticlosted. contest is anticipated.

ORGAN RECITAL ON THE GREAT ORGAN. There will be an organ recital at Prymouth There will be an organ recital at Plymouth church Saturday afternoon, December 27th, from 4 to 5 o'clock, by Wm. Horatlo Clarke, organist. A cordial invitation is given to all who love muse to attend, there being no admission fee. The selections will be popular in their character. It is the design to continue these recitals every Saturday afternoon at the same hour.

NEAT WEEK.
At the Grand—"Burr Oaks," the first half, at reduced prices, and Evans & Hoey's comedy company the last.
At English's—"Dan's Tribulations," the

At English's—"Dan's Tribulations," the first three nights, and then "Spot Cash." At Plymouth church, on Wednesday even-ing, the great cornelist, Levy, will appear in the repular Indianapolis lecture course, pre-ceded by a half-hour organ concert.

Times of Wednesday, and the Rev. F. C Holliday yesterday in a card in The News, hold "the critic of The News," as they phrase it, responsible for the statements that he said, as distinctly as words could say it, his only quoted from others who had the opportunity to know the facts and had but them on record. Whether the Persons when he is the country them on record. put them on record. Whether the Rev. Rezin Hammond preached the first sermon in Indianapolis, or whether Rev. John McClung did, and whether either preached on the site of the Circle or under a walnut tree south of the state house that was to be, in no wise concerns "The News's critic's" judgments or justice. He gave his auth mitty, and the controversy is with Samuel Merrill's historical sketch, the first ever written, and Mr. Nowland's memories, those of the oldest living settler of Iudianaphis, and the only one living here before the town was laid out. Mr. Merrill cama here in the fall of '24, but three years and a half after the time of the first sermon, whoever the preacher was, and his retentive memory and conscientious carefulness of tree south of the state house that was to be memory and conscientious carefulness of statement, give especial force to his rec unt of what he learned from earlier settlers. Mr. Nowland is the only man living who heard that sermon, and his memory is probably as safe a reliance as that of Mr. Ham mord, who by the way, seems to have egreed with Mr. Nowland's recollection in a sgreed with Mr. Nowland's reconcernon in a conversation many years later, and thus impeaches the value of his memory as a historical resource. As to the organization of the Usion Sunday school, Mr. Scudder's recollection that it was in 1822, which Mr. Rulliday eites, will hardly dispute authenticity with day and da's quoted by Mr. Merrill, who doubtess spoke from the records of the school. The organization of the Indianapolis chemic in '22 is the statement of Mr. Merrill, upon what authorize the Indianapolis elecute in '22 is the state-ment of Mr. Merrill, upon what authority based The 'News critic' does not know. As to the 'first pince of worship,' we have the records of the Baptist church, as made by the clerk, Major Redding, still extant and largely quoted in the recent 'History of the City and County,' and they fix a house of wership at about the time the Presbyterians began their first building in '23, and about the time assigned to the 'hewn log house on the south side of Mary-"hewn log house on the south side of Maryand street, between Meridian and Illinois."
Which was first must be settled by such evidence as Mr. Holliday cites, the memories of old residents, and that decides for the "hewn log house," The "News critic" sim-"hewn log house," The "News critic" simply said on this point that it was doubtful which of the houses of worship was the oldest. The disputed locality of the first sermon, the state-house walnut or the Circle, rests between Mr. Nowland's memory, who heard it, and Mr. Holliday's memory of what Mr. Hammond said of it, which differs, apparently, from what he said of it to Mr. Nowland. But neither of The "News critic's" objectors pretends to sustain the one serious error of Mr. Lynch's

"Now see here, my friend," said John Proctor, his honest eyes looking gravely into the tramp's face, as he balanced a dime on the tip of his fieger, "I want to present to you a little matter of statistics. You know, as well as I, that the territory is swarming with men of your class No less than six. begging for money, stopped me on the street oday; while down there at the yard," in dicating with his hand a row of tall lumber piles surrounding a building in the distance, "we haven't had three applications for work in a month."

"That's always the way," the tramp muttered. "Bay we won't work: they woa't give us a show. If a man gets down there's

There was something almost pathetic in his very sullenness as he shuffled away, his

rage flapping in the strong breeze."
"Come back here, will your" John Proceedor's voice was stern and decisive. The tramp balted, then shuffled back again.

"Come down to the yard this afternoon

and I'll give you a job. But take this money

immed stely extend his hand to take it. In the imment or two that elapsed the year g nan had been in throught, he detected a rever of something silled to recentful profile in his bearing. But the fillusion vanished as a bearing. But the Blusson vanished as a grimy hand closed greedly upon the silver. Proctor looked after him with a quitzical smile. Five minutes later hence his own name would be the toast of a druhken crowd of loafers in the saloon around the corner. To be sure it wouldn't help to advance a certain Q sixutic reputation which had attached itself to him since his first advent into this little New Mexican town. But he steadily adhered to his creed; Grant that 99 out of every 100 of this population were thieves and mendicants, he was wont to say he preferred to be victimized by

lation were thieves and mendicants, he was wont to say he preferred to be victimized by the ninety and ninerather than miss the hundreth man.

As John Proctor took his way down through the park in the direction of his effice, his eyes fell cheerily upon the incongruous array of buildings that constituted the town. Had not every foot of lumber been supplied from his own lumber yard? And did not this avalanche of trade mean—Annie? Nothing could be mean or poor which brought these weary years of waiting to an end. How she would rejoice over them, that quiet little denizes of western prairies, who had lived among the monotonous levels of central Illinois all her life!

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That afternoon as Proctor was making out an order for several car loads of fluishing Jumber, a shadow darkened the door, an i the tramp stood before him. He could not repress an exclamation of surprise. The varabond observed it, and his face lowered as he asserted himself deflantly: "Yes, I've come!" he said. "What are you going to give me to do?" Proctor put on his ast and went with him into the yard, where an empty car was waiting to be filled. He showed the man a small slip of paper tacked on the end, and was about to explain where he would find the material designated, when the fellow three of his coal and deflip atthe fellow threw off his coat and deftly attacked a sile of scantiling, which happened to be the first item that was on the list.
"Hullon!" said Proctor, gazing at him in surprise "You seem to know something surprise. "You seem to know something about this business." A little," replied the man shortly. The young lumberman took his way back to the

receive pay for their day's work, Proctor saw his protege standing off a Hill-distance. As the men filed out the agent of the Pounbago City train came mining into the office with a package in his hand.

who a package in his hand.

"Here, Proctor, on them over quickly and sign this need, the fits the \$5,000 from Juarez & Signor."

The immediate hastily signed his name to the receipt and the agent hurried out.

Left slove, Proche dee without his procket a long leather pocket book, and national receipt while agent though the large. intercarefully askie. As he thrush the stream pocket he chanced oward the window and encountry eyes of the tramp. The m socution speak, then changed his mind and annotated away. A vague annual

Several hours before a man had crawled upon a low pile of planks, danked by two others of towering height. As he stretched bin self at full length, with a bundle of entinent without once knowing the shelter a civilized roof.

A little later two glowing sparks of fire Anthe sace two glowing sparas of the second to glide down the railroad track, steal around the office and disappear within the leng drying shed at its rear. The lowest Mexican peon, who all his life goes haif-clothed, half-fed and ursheltered, handles his cigar or cigarette with the nee pomposity and careless grace the proudest hidslyo.

John Proctor awake that night to find himself assailed by a foe mightler than his feeble imagination had pictured. He tried to rise but found himself to be unable, oppressed by a terrible sense of suffocation from dense volumes of smoke which filled the air, through which vast sheets of flame darted their forked tongues toward him. Suddenly the wall of flame and smoke was parted and the face of the tramp bent over arted and the face of the tramp bent over fm. He was roughly shaken, pulled iff the bed, half dragged, half carried believe the little private office and dragged ato the large room beyond, where the fire and begun its work of devastation. Then voice and memory came back, and he shouted: "My notes! In my coat pocket, under the piliow—let me go."

For an answer the roof seemed to slowly vibrate to and and fro, then sank down

with a sudden crash.

With half-dazed senses John Procter turned to the scene before him. There was still something to be done. The cream of the stock had been destroyed, but unless some plies of lumber to the right of the building were speedily removed, the fire would communicate with the outside stock, would communicate with the outside stock, stretched for several hundred yards along the railroad track. He turned to the crowd of men who stood there inactive, gazing upon the scene: "Come on and help us move the lumber!"

The men worked like heroes, and every piece of lumber was removed to a safe distance.

dece of humber was removed to a safe detance. That night, worn and wearled, John Proc-That night, worn and wearled, John Proctor sat down to rest upon the wheel of his own copying press. He knew that this dissere had wrought his irreparable ruin. If he could only have saved that \$5,000, or if he had not been so ambitious Aouie had been ready—poor little girl. She had even proposed bringing her plane to this raw southern town and sking out that income

southern town, and exing out their income with the result of their own labors. On one point he was resolved. Whenever he got square with the world again, he would put imself before the little woman, ask her to hare his fortunes, for better or worse. O. escaped his fortunes, for bearer or worse. Of God how hing would it be: A sharp groan escaped his lips.
Suddenly he store and stood erect. His quick ear had caught the sound of some heavy body slowly moving over the ground.

"Whois there?"
'Only me Is that you boss?"
John Proctor bent forward and perceived a man slowly crawling along in the shadow of a pile of joists. As the figure emerged into the moonlight he saw that the fellow oragged one leg helplessly after him. His suspicions melted away beneath his natural warmth of heart.
"Are you hurt?"
"Only a falling timber, hoss, but the fire

got into my eyes, and I can't see very well."

He had drawn himself to Proctor's feet, and stopped, turning a little upon his side, his head propped up with his hand.

"You see, when I came through the door something fell against me, and not seeing you, and not being able to get about very well, there were so many of those cussed Mexican thieves about, I was afraid they might make off with this"—holding out a flat leather-book which John Proctor seized

who heard it, and Mr. Holliday's memory of what Mr. Hammond said of it, which differs, apparently, from what he said of it to Mr. Nowland. But neither of The "News critie's" objectors pretends to sustain the one serious error of Mr. Lynch's narrative, that the first sermon was in 1819. The Times thinks it must or might have been earlier than 1831; but speculation on probabilities doesn't count against such facts as Mr. Nowland's memory and Mr. Merrill's record.

The themson what he said with a glad exclamation. The man went on taking is an absent way.

"I wouldn't have liked to have you think ill of me. You're the first man who gave me a chance since I got down. I wa'nt always a loafer, sir. You spoke of my knowing something about the business, and to be sure I ought if fifteen years as a sorter in the Wisconsin lumber regions con teach a man anything of lumber. But when my wife died I struck off out west. It's been

bard luck ever since—and my little girl— back there with her grandparents"— Bis voice seemed to fait for weakness.

What have you eaten to day?" saked the other sharp y. The man answered reinctantly and almost in a tone of applogy. "You see, si-down there among the lumber piles—how could I?" John Proctor was a man given more to

The cince and narroom or one notes near the unit quata of restoratable loafers when John Proctor entered with the uncouth figure on his tack. A gurgie of laughter ran through the crewd, but it suddeuly ceased when the young man went stratuatione clerk, saying in clear, ringing tones: "Give me tre best room you have. This man, who saved my life last night, is bally hurt. Some of you," turning to the follers, "you at once for the surgeon on the Atchison road."

fere received the attentions in silence. His dim eyes stared incredulously about the room and into the kindly faces bendling over nim. That anything like this should happen to him! How long would it least Would they let him nave one good night's rest before turning him out again? When once more on the desolate plain, wandering through sage brush, mesquite, and spap weed, it would seem like some strange dream. But what was this! The stalwart young lumberman speaking huskilly to the doctor:

doctor:

"And mind, McLean, do your best. I owe him more than I can tell you. Put him in good trim to take the foremanship of my yard when I get stocked up."

This silly old vagrant buried his face in his pillow and wept.

Dion Bouckault on the Coming Drama, "What do you think, M.. Boucleanlt, is to be the prevailing drama of the near fu-

ure?"
"I think that there must be a speedy re-urn to the legitimate. I think it a great ity that there are signs of dissolution in the few resident companies that are lef seven new dresses wern in each by the leading acrees, per

this class of stage productions has not to the class of stage productions has not to to. And now this reminds melo' sudmend There is, of course, a great difference if them. The audience in full dress is we enough, but the actor does not somehowarm to such an audience as he does to another kind. There is the audience while does not come in a dress autinory in its ship. does not come in a dress suit; nor in its shirt sleeves. The audience which pays its 50 or 75 cens or \$1, and comes with the spirit of getting its full modey's worth of enjoyment—that happy middle audience—it is a pleasure to play to."

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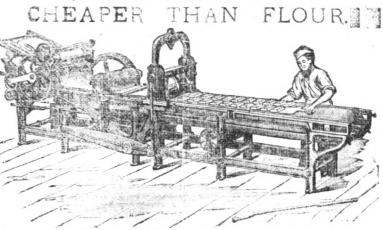
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For the Young and for the Old.

For the Tollet, for the Boudoir.

For the Drawing Room.

For the Parlor, for the Play Room.

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THOSE JAPANESE GOODS ARE SELLING RAPIDLY, but there are many more, business numerous other novelties.

All these goods were bought for the Holidays, at a bargain, and are sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

ENT I AM HAVING A GREAT RUN ON RUGS, of wich I have the Largest and Best Stock in the State.

Albert Gall.